

June 2, 2022

Mr. Scott Faulk U.S. Department of Transportation EAS & Domestic Analysis Division 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590 202-366-9967

Reference: Eau Claire Essential Air Service DOT-OST-2009-0306 and Order 2022-3-8

Dear Mr. Faulk,

<u>Background</u> – This letter constitutes the official request of Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission, which is the official governing body of the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (EAU), for a waiver from 49 U.S.C. 41732(b)(1)(a) regarding the Essential Air Service (EAS) minimum frequency requirement for Eau Claire EAS.

Via previous correspondence with the Department the Airport Commission has recommended to the Department the selection of the EAS proposal of Sun Country Airlines to provide Eau Claire EAS.

<u>Request</u> – By this letter the Airport Commission acknowledges that the Sun Country EAS proposal will have less than minimum standard EAS weekly or annual flight frequency. We understand that component of the Sun Country proposal and request that the Secretary waive the EAS minimum frequency requirement of 49 U.S.C. 41732 (b)(1)(a) as related to frequency of service for the duration of this Sun Country EAS contract to serve Eau Claire.

Thank you in advance for a prompt review and approval of this waiver request.

Sincerely.

Charity Zich, C.M. Airport Director